

REMARKS

Upon request by Examiner Boccio to make amendments to the claims and specification, Applicant herein submits a 1.312 amendment to amend specific claims and a portion of the specification to clarify and distinctly point out patentable subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §101.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 4-7, 17-26, 29-32, 41-42, and 45-48 were allowed. Claims 26 and 29-32 are amended. No claim has been canceled. No new matter has been added and no substantive change has been made by the amendments.

Applicant respectfully submits that the issue fee already paid in response to the notice of allowance should be automatically applied if a supplemental allowance is issued.

CONCLUSION


Applicant respectfully submits that the application and the claims as they currently stand are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 408-720-8300 if there remains any issue with allowance of this case.

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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